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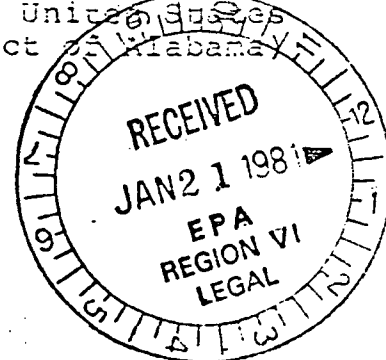
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MEMORANDUM

Subject: Public Statements and Requests for Information concerning the Olin/Triana Case (United States v. Olin Corporation Civil Action No. CV80PT5300NE, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama)

To: Assistant Administrators
Office Directors
Regional Administrators

From: Jeffrey G. Miller
Acting Assistant Administrator
for Enforcement



On December 4, 1980, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Army and the Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against the Olin Corporation in the Northern District of Alabama, Northeastern Division. The suit alleges that an Olin chemical plant discharged approximately 337 tons of the pesticide DDT into the Huntsville Spring Branch at the Army's Redstone Arsenal near Huntsville, Alabama, and that the DDT is presenting an imminent and substantial endangerment to the health of the local residents (Triana, Alabama), and to the fish, wildlife and birds in the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge. It also alleges that the DDT has adversely affected the local fishing industry. The suit seeks remedial measures to alleviate the problems caused by the DDT contamination.

This case is being nationally managed because of the unusually large number of Federal, State and local agencies involved in this matter. EPA Headquarters Office of Water Enforcement, with assistance from our Atlanta Office, will represent EPA in the litigation.

Due to the issues involved in the Olin/Triana case and the anticipated public interest in this area, many offices within the Agency will undoubtedly be involved in, or contacted about this enforcement effort. There are likely to be numerous media and technical inquiries from a variety of sources. As in all enforcement litigation, it is important that EPA's response to these inquiries be coordinated to avoid compromising our enforcement efforts in this especially complex case.



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Accordingly, I am asking each of you to ensure that all responses to inquiries, proposed public statements and releases of information concerning the Olin/Triana matter be forwarded to the Office of Water Enforcement for review and clearance prior to release. The contact points will be Alex Karlin (EN-338 at 755-8731) or Arthur Ray (EN-338 at 755-2870).